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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

This Paper responds to the communication from the Examiner mailed July 6, 2006.

Please enter the following Amendment and Remarks in the above-identified Application.

Reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

**ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

The Assignee, by the attached paper captioned Assertion of Small Entity Status, has made claim to SMALL ENTITY STATUS and the privilege of paying the reduced Patent Office fees associated with such status.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND**

The Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Office Action dated July 6, 2006 for three (3) months from October 6, 2006 to January 6, 2007. A check for \$ 510 in payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please

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charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this extension fee to deposit account number 12-1660. (A duplicate copy of the fee transmittal page is attached).

The Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2006, was due on or before Saturday, January 6, 2007, with extension fees, to avoid abandonment. As January 6, 2007 was a Saturday and the Office was closed, the Applicant believes this response is timely filed by mailing on January 8, 2007 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10.

**Amendments** are reflected in the Claims Listing which begins on Page 3.

**Remarks** begin on Page 17.